

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 15-19 were pending.

By virtue of this response, Claims 1, 3, 9, 15 and 18 are amended.

Claims 6 and 8 are cancelled.

New Claims 31-37 have been added.

Therefore, Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 15-19 and 31-37 are presently pending.

Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter of Claim 6.

On page 4 of the Office Action, an objection to Claim 6 was presented as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the features of claim 6 were deemed allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for allowing Claim 6 and have amended independent Claim 1 and Claim 15 and have written new independent claim 33 to include the features of allowable claim 6 along with the requested context.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 15-17 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fague (US Patent 5,768,317) in view of McGibney (US Patent 7,324,559).

For at least the reason that Claims 2-3, 5, 7, 9-10, 16-17, 19, 31-32 and 34-37 each depend from an allowable independent Claim, Claims 2-3, 5, 7, 9-10, 16-17, 19, 31-32 and 34-37 are also allowable.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-10, 15-17, 19 and 31-37.

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CONCLUSION

The case is believed to be in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any other points of concern, the Examiner is expressly invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss those concerns and to seek an amicable resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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